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SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF US NAVAL PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN
AREA

1. AS POSTS ARE AWARE ON BASIS OF OUR RECENT DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE UK ON EXPANSION OF FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA US
WILL BE MAINTAINING A LARGER US NAVY PRESENCE IN THE
INDIAN OCEAN THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE HERETOFORE. ALTHOUGH
THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA WILL
SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE OUR CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT AN EXPANDED
US NAVY PRESENCE, WE SHOULD NEVERTHELESS ANTICIPATE THAT
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THERE WILL BE THE CONTINUING DESIRABILITY FOR PORT VISITS,
BUNKERING, AND OTHER GENERAL SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS ALONG
THE INDIAN OCEAN LITTORAL.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ADDRESSEES TAKE
A BROAD LOOK AT THE GENERAL LEVEL OF NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY
YOU BELIEVE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE AND FEASIBLE IN YOUR COUN-
TRIES. THIS SHOULD BE DONE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO HOST

GOVERNMENT SOURCES. THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS APPLY:

A. GIVEN THE INCREASING LEVEL OF US INTEREST AND TEMPO OF US NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, DO YOU BELIEVE YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO US NAVY PORT VISITS? IF SO, UNDER WHAT CONSIDERATIONS AND IN WHAT FREQUENCY?

B. WOULD GOVERNMENTS IN QUESTION BE PREPARED TO ALLOW OCCASIONAL OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES FOR CARRIER ON-BOARD DELIVERY AIRCRAFT, AND FOR OTHER SUPPORT AIRCRAFT CARRYING MAIL OR ENGAGED IN INFREQUENT MEDICAL EVACUATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLY ACTIVITY?

C. WOULD HOST GOVERNMENTS BE PREPARED TO GRANT SHORE LEAVE, AND IF SO, DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF PERSONNEL PERMITTED? FREQUENCY? IN UNIFORM OR OUT? FOR WHAT DURATION?

D. WOULD YOU EXPECT THAT WE MIGHT NEED OR BE PERMITTED TO REACH A BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT TO COVER LEGAL CONTINGENCIES E.G., STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENTS?

E. WOULD VISITING US UNITS BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN MILITARY POLICE FUNCTIONS?

F. WOULD YOU ANTICIPATE RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES OR LOCAL CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE BUNKERING SERVICES, ASSUMING THERE ARE NO OVER-RIDING AVAILABILITY PROBLEMS?

G. WHAT POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES WOULD BEAR ON HOST GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES TOWARDS US NAVY PORT VISITS; E.G.,
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US SHIPS VISITING AT OTHER THIRD COUNTRY PORTS ON INDIAN OCEAN PERIPHERY; ANTIPATHY TOWARD GREAT POWER COMPETITION IN THE AREA; OR INTERPRETATION OF AN EXPANDED US PRESENCE AS A THREAT TO THEIR OWN INTERESTS?

H. ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC INDUCEMENTS OR ACTIONS WE COULD TAKE WHICH MIGHT TIP THE BALANCE TOWARD A COOPERATIVE HOST GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE IN SUPPORTING OUR NAVAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS? FOR INSTANCE, IN THOSE APPLICABLE CASES WHERE HOST GOVERNMENTS HAVE NAVAL FORCES, WOULD OFFER TO ENGAGE IN SMALL JOINT EXERCISE OR IN OTHER FORM OF TRAINING ACTIVITY BE OF ANY UTILITY?

3. FOR NAIROBI: IN YOUR RESPONSE WOULD APPRECIATE ASSESSMENT OF SUPPORT THAT COULD BE PROVIDED IN THE

SEYCHELLES.

4. FOREGOING ONLY APPLIES TO CONVENTIONAL WARSHIPS.
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